Best Practices for
INRMP Implementation

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Ensuring Implementation Success

What is success?

- **Military Mission Support**

Who determines success?

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Objective – To Improve INRMP Effectiveness and Robustness

- Installation ecosystem health
- Funding
- INRMP project completion
- Supporting the military mission
- Meeting compliance requirements
- Monitoring INRMP effectiveness

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Objective – To Improve INRMP Effectiveness and Robustness

- Receiving/using stakeholder input, especially USFWS and states
- Meeting ESA requirements
- Protecting species at risk
- Adaptive
- Organizational effectiveness

Installations Selected for the Study

- MCB Camp Lejeune
- MCB Pendleton
- NAS Corpus Christi
- NAS Ingleside, NAS Kingsville
- McChord AFB
- Patrick AFB
- Fort Custer
- Fort Stewart

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Conclusions so far…

- Funding is the most significant negative issue
- Ecosystem management is being accomplished – needs to be recognized
- USFWS and state agencies are rarely active partners
- USFWS staff are not familiar with Sikes Act and their role
- First class partnerships exist

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Conclusions cont.

- Coordination with stakeholders is good in a few cases, but absent in rest
- Project tracking to completion is rare
- INRMP's mission support is sound
- Public's ability to review INRMPs and implementation continues to improve
- Science is sound although not apparent
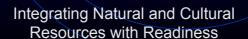
Best Practices

- Fort Custer – internal coordination, especially on ITAM

- Camp Pendleton – tracking and documentation

- Patrick AFB – coordination on T&E with USFWS

- Camp Lejeune – mission support and regional initiatives

- NAS Corpus Christi, Ingleside, Kingsville – model partnership

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INRMP paper review

- INRMPs from each service
- Number of installations vs. acreage under management
- No communications with the installation
- Pure read of paper/electronic copy
- Rank as Poor – Fair - Good

INRMP Paper Review Breakdown

- How many INRMPs of each service to review?

  - Acreage of land managed

  - Number of installation INRMPs

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Paper Review (20 INRMPs)

	Acres	Bases	INRMPs
Army	50%	47%	10
Air Force	34%	26%	2
Navy	8%	23%	6
Marine Corps	8%	4%	2

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INRMP Review Categories

- Military mission and organization
- **Funding, projects, and compliance**
- Adaptive management, monitoring, and ecosystem health
- Coordination w/ internal stakeholders
- Coordination w/ external stakeholders
- T&E species management

Funding, Projects and Compliance

Does the INRMP address the following?

- Funding process – specific projects, funding classes
- Additional sources of funds and their allocation
- Specific project descriptions, $ spent, time to complete, link to goal/objective
- Tracking funded and unfunded projects

Caveat on Findings

- An INRMP doesn't necessarily reflect action on ground

However, the INRMP is

- What agencies see including for review and approval
- What public and other interested parties see

We need to improve in this area

- When we do INRMP updates
- If the INRMP is to be used in lieu of critical habitat designation

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Findings: Poor → Fair → Good

- Overall - INRMPs only rank Fair
- Funding – Poor
- T&E species – Fair
- Supporting the mission, and organization - Fair

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Tools to Improve Implementation

- Web publish the updated INRMP
- Track projects using data monitoring systems
- Use Web for project reporting and tracking
- Automated data collection and archiving
- Use updated INRMP Implementation Handbook **www.denix.osd.mil/inrmp**

The INRMP's Role Today Means Increased

- Accountability
- Scrutiny
- Flexibility
- Availability

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